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1. International Patent No. WO 97/33612 (IMMUNOTHERAPHY, INC.) 18 September 1997 (1997-09-18).
2. United States Patent No. 5,965,381 (van der BRUGGEN, PIERRE B., ET AL.) 12 October 1999 (1999-10-12).
3. United States Patent No. 5,872,104 (VERMEULEN, NICOLAAS M. J. and SCHWARTZ, DENNIS E.) 16 February 1999 (1999-02-16).
4. United States Patent No. 5,733,540 (LEE, PETER POON-HANG) 31 March 1998 (1998-03-31).
5. United States Patent No. 5,582,831 (SHINITZKI, MEIR) 10 December 1996 (1996-12-10).

Applicant submits that copies of the above-cited references are enclosed herewith.

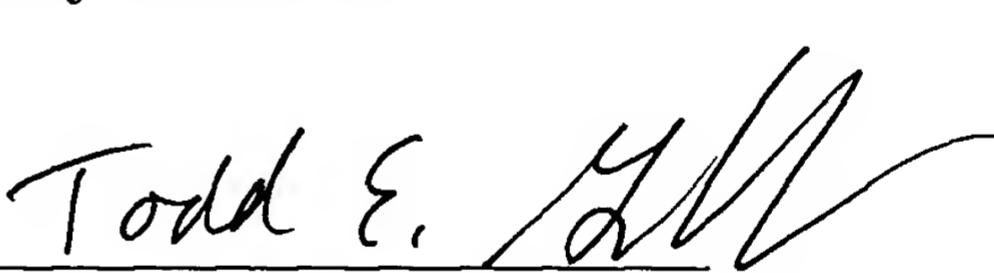
If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a discussion with Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references cited on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference (if not previously submitted) is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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